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FALL 2003

Columbia begins its 176th year

As the 176th academic year of Columbia Seminary officially began, President Laura Mendenhall welcomed and introduced new friends and members of the Columbia community, reminding everyone of their roles within a greater "cloud of witnesses." Among the special guests at Columbia's September 10 opening convocation, held at Columbia Presbyterian Church, of particular note was Agnes Gere '57, the first woman to graduate from the three-year divinity program at Columbia.

In his convocation sermon, "Fear of the Lord," based on Matthew 7:14-23, the Rev. Dr. P. C. "Buddy" Enniss '58 recalled the words of Karl Barth to charge colleagues and students to embrace the task of making "'God' a cheerful word again." In a world that is either fearful of God's wrath or cynical of God's grace, Enniss affirmed that God is not out to get us, but to save us. "With every word we speak," he added, again calling on Barth, "our task is to give the world a different experience of God...to the end that all God's people may experience the joy for which they were created."

Following convocation at a luncheon and awards celebration, Ernestine Cole, acting dean of students, recognized recipients of the Columbia, Honor, and Merit Scholarships. The Indiantown Country Church Award was presented to Susan Smith for outstanding ministry in a rural church this summer, and Suzy Edwards won the Julia Abdullah Award for her paper on enhancing the church-school hour. □

Reggie Weaver '06

The Rev. P. C. "Buddy" Enniss, convocation preacher, President Laura S. Mendenhall, and President Emeritus J. Davison Philips gather after opening convocation.

At the community luncheon following convocation, awards were presented to Alexander Oliver (left) and Dan Stephens '04. Oliver, a retired member of the maintenance staff, received the Betsey Burgess Staff Award for faithfulness, dedicated service, and Christian character upholding the seminary's purpose and mission. Stephens received the Miss C. Virginia Harrison Award, presented to a senior who is conscientious, responsible, hard working, and who will make a great contribution to the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Columbia welcomes largest incoming M.Div. class in 11 years

Columbia Seminary welcomed 64 new students to the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program this fall, tying 1992 for the largest incoming M.Div. class. Twenty-seven of those students graduated from church-related colleges, with 15 coming from Presbyterian schools, including seven from Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC.

Ann Clay Adams, director of admissions, says, "I believe that we are beginning to see results from new initiatives designed to lift up leaders for church service. This year we welcomed several students referred to us by President Emeritus Doug Oldenburg's program, Advocates for Ministry. A couple of students came to us through congregational match programs, such as the Fund for Theological Education's new recruitment program, and from a Church and Vocations-related congregation in Charlotte. In the future we expect to reap the benefits of the new PLSE program which was the brainchild of CTS trustee John Aldridge. And all of these initiatives have proven helpful already in raising the level of awareness in congregations that they need to identify gifted young people and encourage them to consider ministry. This is indeed a valuable service, not only to seminaries, but to the whole church."

Among the M.Div. class's occupational backgrounds are PC(USA) denominational staff, military, welding, stage design, law, and business. One student has been a GAP store manager. Another, Adams said, has "sold drugs" as a pharmaceutical company sales representative.

Fifteen states, Puerto Rico and Korea, and seven denominations are represented in the class. □

Matthew Hostetler

Investing in God's handiwork

Laura S. Mendenhall, President

GOD CONTINUES TO be at work at 701 Columbia Drive, Decatur, Georgia. In case things look slow where you are, it may be that the winds of the Spirit are hovering over Columbia Theological Seminary right now.

Classes have resumed; ordination exams have been taken; students are using new skills to explore Scripture and theology and the practical skills of ministry. Faculty are back and eager, teaching a new class of 64 Master of Divinity students. That number ties with 1992 as the largest in recorded history (at least since 1983, when our Admissions Office began tracking this information). Ninety-one percent of the entering class is from the Presbyterian Church (USA), that being ten more Presbyterian students in an entering class than in any of the recent years.

Almost weekly we get reports from members of May's graduating class that another has received a call and is stepping into a pastoral role in some waiting Presbyterian congregation. Graduation records from other Presbyterian seminaries indicate that we are putting more pastors and associate pastors into the Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations than any of the other seminaries. We are doing what we do best—preparing and nurturing pastors and leaders for the Presbyterian Church. This is clearly our strength. And the church continues to count on us for pastoral leadership.

We are pleased that the church is stepping up to the responsibility to partner with the Holy Spirit to call those with gifts for leadership into Christ's ministry. Calvin understood that both the inward testimony of the Holy Spirit and the affirmation of God's people are essential to discerning God's call to us. Sometimes it takes a voice from the outside to call out attention to an inner voice. Sometimes it takes a voice from the outside to encourage us to trust an inner voice. We are grateful for the work of these partners:

- Presbyterian Leadership Search Effort (PLSE), a church-wide effort encouraging congregations to identify those among their own flock who have gifts for ministry and sending their names to a central computer base that seminaries and campus ministries might be able to encourage and invite young people to consider whether God might be calling them into full-time Christian ministry
- Advocates in Ministry, teams of seasoned and young pastors who visit with college students about the joy of pastoral ministry
- Vocation in Ministry, groups who offer a trial year at seminary to qualified college students who have not considered the ministry as a vocation
- Fund for Theological Education's Congregational Recruitment program, congregations who partner with the seminary to support one of their student's expenses while attending seminary.

I continue to believe that you and I are investing ourselves in God's handiwork at Columbia Theological Seminary. We are blessed to be participants in the new thing God is doing in a place where Christ's ministry has a well-worn path. ☐

Laura Mendenhall

Maggi Henderson

Henderson named dean of students, vice president of student services

IN AUGUST, COLUMBIA announced the appointment of the Rev. Margret (Maggi) Henderson as dean of students and vice president of student services. She comes to Columbia from Highland Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she served as associate pastor.

Ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1988, Henderson holds the B.S. in psychology from the University of Oregon, the M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and the M.A. in Christian education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. Prior to her most recent call, she served as associate pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas, and as Presbyterian campus minister to Salem College.

Throughout her ministry, Henderson has been involved in the PC(USA) at the presbytery and national levels. As member and chair of Salem Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry since 1993, Henderson has assisted many seminary students through the call process and into their first churches. She has also been active in youth ministry at the national level, having been a design team member and chaplain for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. In 2002, she co-directed two Montreat Youth Conferences for more than 2,500 young people.

Speaking of Henderson's appointment, Columbia's President Laura Mendenhall says, "Maggi brings a real commitment to the church and a deep respect for those who serve Christ. Her wisdom and insight, her listening and guiding, her wit and humor will be gifts to the entire seminary community and those we serve. We are grateful that God has called Maggi Henderson to this ministry and look forward to her leadership." ☐

Harvey Newman

Newman named director of Faith and the City Program

HARVEY K. NEWMAN has been named the new director of Columbia Seminary's Faith and the City program. Faith and the City is a cooperative effort of Columbia, Candler School of Theology, and the Interdenominational Theological Center. The program seeks to foster the development of public religious leadership in clergy and clergy-information.

As director of Faith and the City, Newman will also teach several Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry courses at Columbia. His personal experience as an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ (UCC) and former pastor of First UCC Church in Liberty, North Carolina, gives him a unique and valuable perspective for working with pastors and future pastors. He holds the M.Div. from Duke University Divinity School and the Ph.D. from Emory University.

Newman, who previously taught at Columbia as an adjunct professor, returns to the seminary while remaining professor of urban policy studies at Georgia State University (GSU), where he has served since 1970. He has also served at GSU as acting associate director of the school of public administration and urban studies in the College of Public and Urban Affairs, as well as coordinator of urban studies in the College of Urban Life.

Speaking of his appointment, President Laura Mendenhall says, "Harvey is immediately helpful because he already understands Columbia and the Faith and the City program. This joint appointment promises to bring new levels of expertise to the Faith and the City work from someone exceedingly knowledgeable about the urban setting. We are pleased to offer Harvey Newman as a gift to our students, to our Faith and the City colleagues at the Interdenominational Theological Center and Candler School of Theology, and to the city of Atlanta." ☐

2003 Doctor of Theology dissertations

DENNIS JARVIS, Tunnel Hill, GA, "The Use of Parable as a Religious Resource for Pastoral Counseling"

2003 Doctor of Ministry dissertations

JIMMY ASBELL, Macon, GA, "Sabbath as Means of Grace and Conquerer of Chaos: An Apologetic and Practice"

GEORGE ASHFORD, Spartanburg, SC, "The Convening Power of the Church as an Act of Ministry: Developing a Responsible Church in a Growing Drog Culture"

EDNA BANES, Richmond, VA, "Worshipping as One: Chapel Services on a Seminary Campus"

DAMEON BLACK, St. Catherine, Jamaica, "Church Conflict: Aetiology, Pathology, and Transformation—A Jamaican Case Study"

FYFE BLAIR, Aberdeen, Scotland, "Staying in the Paradox of Thirdspace Issoes of Well-being in New Church Development Ministry in Scotland"

JOHN BLEWITT, Cardiff, MD, "No Time for Discipleship"

DAVID BOUMGARDEN, Naperville, IL, "Discerning Some of the Leadership Factors Needed for Starting up Strong, Missionally Faithful Congregations in Two Midwestern Suburban Metropolitan Areas"

KATHRYN CAMERON, Nellysford, VA, "Welcoming the Stranger: Including Autistic People in the Chorch's Life Using Art"

DOUGLAS CUSHING, Moore, SC, "Why Do New Churches Stop Growing? Missio Dei as a Key to the Transition from Pastoral-size to Program-size New Church Development"

ROBERT DEBELAK, Cleveland, TN, "Hidden in Plain Sight: Esther and a Marginalized Hermeneutic"

CLARK DELOACH, Marietta, GA, "Practicing the Faith amidst the Competing Narratives of Old Testament Wilderness and Consumerism in the Church"

SUSAN DENNE, Rock Hill, SC, "Bringing the Body Together: Building a Context for Dialogue at the Lord's Table"

SUE DICKSON, El Paso, TX, "Worship into Wine: An Invitation to Re-discover Reformed Worship as the Work of the People through the Practice of Personal Piety"

ALFRED DRUMMOND, Perth, Scotland, "Fingerprints in the Margins: Sharing the Journey with Outsiders"

PRISCILLA DURKIN, Wadesboro, NC, "The Power of Prayer: One Congregation's Story"

PAMELA ELIASON, Dunbar, WV, "Seeking Transformation: Reflections on the Use of Lenten Preaching to Address White Racism within a White Congregation"

CHRIS ERDMAN, Fresno, CA, "'When Two or Three Gather in My Name': The New Science, an Ancient Practice, and the (Re)Discovery of Missional Imagination and Practice within a Congregation Plunged into Conflict and Chaos"

DIANA GIBSON, Menlo Park, CA, "Nurturing Disciples for Revolutionary Christians"

EDWARD GLAIZE, Tallassee, AL, "A Model of Group Spiritoal Direction Using Christian Meditation and Silence for Developing a Mission Statement and Long-range Plan"

MARK GRAHAM, Roanoke, VA, "A Congregation Engages Jesus through the Sermon on the Mount"

SAMUEL GREEN, Winter Garden, FL, "The Methodist Class Leader System: A Model for Equipping Laity for Pastoral Care"

THOMAS GROOME, Spartanburg, SC, "Mission 21: A Vision for Ministry in the First Decade of the Twenty-first Century for Covenant Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, Sooth Carolina"

JARRED HAMMET, Macon, GA, "The Lord's Supper and Eucharistic Theologies of the Laity: Gathering Audible Answers about the Visible Signs"

RONALD HILLIARD, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, "Healing the Wounds of Relinquishment: Adoptees and the Journey of Forgiveness"

MARY HOWSON, Newtown, CT, "Reviving the Life of the Spirit: Teaching The Interior Castle in New England United Church of Christ Congregations"

MICHAEL HOYT, Glenshaw, PA, "Preaching What We Practice: The Sermon as Reflection on a Missional Congregation"

DAVID HUDSON, Southern Pines, NC, "The Images of Jesus in the Selected Writings of Shusaku Endo"

BARBARA INGRAM, Denver, NC, "Discovering and Sharing a Model for Ministry: A Personal Journey"

ERNEST JACKSON, Sumter, SC, "Silenced No More: The Church Helping Abused Women Reclaim Their Identity"

DAVID JORDAN, Charlotte, NC, "Funeral Sermons as Celebrations of Life"

DOUGLASS KEY, Greensboro, NC, "Toward a Unity that Endures: Exploring Circumstance-limited Testimony for the Operating Doctrine of the Presbyterian Church"

ROGER KRUEGER, Pendleton, SC, "Coming to the Sabbath Table: An Ethic for Keeping Sabbath"

PAUL LANG, Greenville, NC, "Benedictine Practices in the Post-modern Church"

ANNE LEDBETTER, Wilmington, DE, "Making Spiritual Connection with Persons with Alzheimer's: Tools for Compassionate Care"

CRAIG LINDSEY, Skaneateles, NY, "Restoring Salt's Saltiness: Redevelopment Prerequisites"

LLOYD LOONEY, Dacula, GA, "Pastoral Counseling and Pentecostalism: A Personal Theological Journey"

JOSÉ MONTAÑEZ, Mesquite, TX, "Passing the Torch to a New Generation: A Challenge for the Hispanic Pentecostal Church"

JAMES MORAN, Hermitage, TN, "Preaching the Good News in a Post-modern World"

MARTIN NABOR, Pusiga-Bawku, Ghana, "A Study of Healing and Deliverance Ministry in African American and African Immigrant Churches with Recommendations for New Church Development in Ghana"

RHONDA O'REILLY, Cincinnati, OH, "Where Is My Comfort? A Reframing of the Scriptures on Barrenness to Promote Healing"

JOHN PARK, Fort Wayne, IN, "The Church as Family: What Do We Mean?: An Exploration for the Community We Seek"

ANDREW RITCHIE, Edinburgh, Scotland, "Christian Community in a Fragmented Society"

EUGENE ROBERTS, Fairport, NY, "The Missional Community—Called, Formed, and Sent: A Missional Reading of the Letter to the Ephesians"

TIMOTHY ROBERTS, Norfolk, VA, "Contextual Worship in the North American Mainline Church: 'Wising Up' or 'Dumbing Down?'"

JEFFREY ROSS, Cedartown, GA, "Where College Street Meets Turner Street: Race Relations in Cedartown, Georgia"

SANDY SHAWHAN, Cottontown, TN, "John Wesley: A Spiritual Mentor for Women in Ministry"

RUTH SNYDER, Matthews, NC, "Weeping in Worship: Collaborative Preaching on Texts of Lament"

JOHN SONNENDAY, Washington, DC, "Breaking the Taboo: Talking about Faith and Money in the Church"

BETSY STEIER, Orlando, FL, "Disciplemaking—Recommissioning a Lost Art: Mission Strategy for Evangelism and Church Development in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida"

CATHERINE TAYLOR, Atlanta, GA, "Coming Home: Opening a Flawed Family to Aothentic Community"

RAWLE TYSON, Kingston, Jamaica, "Facilitating Faith Development and Church Involvement among the Adolescents of Christian Life Fellowship"

DAVID WATSON, Moon Township, PA, "A Missional Plan for Riverdale Presbyterian Church as It Ministers in the Twenty-first Century: Moving from a Pastoral-style Church to a Program-style Church"

CRAIG WILLIAMS, Trabuco Canyon, CA, "Do Our Words Matter? Laying Foundation Stones in New Church Development through Preaching"

LARRY YARBOROUGH, Tallapoosa, GA, "Using Personal Memoir as a Means of Growth in the Life of Christian Faith for Older Adults in a Southern Baptist Church"

Master of Divinity degree graduates and placements

DEDERA BAKER

CYNTHIA BENZ

SHELAINE BIRD, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Florence, AZ

WESLEY BRANDON, associate pastor, South Aiken Presbyterian Church, Aiken, SC

SAMUEL BRIDGES, Air Force chaplain, Vance Air Force Base, Enid, OK

SCOTT CALKINS, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, East Jordon, MI

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MARYANN MCKIBBEN DANA, associate pastor, Burke Presbyterian Church, Burke, VA

THOMAS DANIEL, associate pastor for of neighborhood outreach, North Avenoe Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

ERIC DILLENBECK, associate pastor, North Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, GA

ELLEN DUNN, clinical pastoral education, Tri-Hospitals, Atlanta, GA

SARAH ERICKSON, associate director of continuing education, Columbia Seminary,

JENNIFER FOUSE, campus minister, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

ELIZABETH GOODRICH

MEGAN GRAHAM, interim director of youth, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

KIRK HALL

CHRISTOPHER HAM, parish residency, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN

MARY ALICE HAYNIE, pastor, Southport Presbyterian Church, Southport, NC

DAVID HYERS, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Waco, TX

CAROL JOHNSON

JEFFERY KACKLEY, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Pulaski, VA

HOWARD KIM, associate pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Marietta, GA

MICHAEL KIRBY, pastor, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL

DAVID KNAUERT, graduate study, Duke University, Durham, NC

ANDREW KUKLA, clinical pastoral education, Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, GA

KENDAL LAND, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Russellville, KY

HOPE ITALIANO LEE, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Fernandina Beach, FL

REBEKAH CLOSE LEMON

REBECCA LESLEY

KARI MCFARLAND, City Dweller director, Hollywood Urban Project, Los Angeles, CA

ANDREW MEYERS

JODY MOORE, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville, VA

JOSEPH MOORE

LAUREL NELSON, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Wyoming, NY

NANCY OFFILER, pastor, United Church of Crawfordsville, Crawfordsville, IA

PENDLETON PERRY, associate pastor, Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA

IAN PUNNETT, talk show host, Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc., St Paul, MN

CLAYTONRASCOE

KATHRYN RICHMOND

ARTHUR ROBIN, associate pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville, GA

BENJAMIN SELLER, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Dumas, TX

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KENNETH SIKES, pastor, Manitou Park Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, WA

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BARNABAS SPRINKLE, pastor, Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church, Carrollton, GA

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SUSAN TAKIS

JAMES THOMAS

JANNAN W. THOMAS, associate pastor, Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Orchard Park, NY

CHRISTOPHER TUFFEE, pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC

CAROL WADE

JAMES WELLS

SCOTT WHITE

ELIZABETH WILSON, associate pastor, Sea Island Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, SC

WENDY YOW

Master of Arts (Theological Studies)

CARLA DUNBAR

LEE ANN GRIER, director of membership development, North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

DOROTHY NEVILL

CECELIA OWENS

Master of Theology

STEPHEN DECLAISSE-WALFORD, Stone Mountain, GA, "From Concept to Reality: Understanding and Applying Lesslie Newbigin's 'Congregation as the Hermeneotic of the Gospel' within the Framework of North American Post-modernism"

DIANE DELUNA, Stone Mountain, GA, "Where Is God?: A Consideration of Divine Presence in Selecting Texts of the Persian Period"

*DAVID EZEKIEL, Chattanooga, TN

*CSABA HÖS, Budapest, Hungary

*HYUNG JOO KIM, Seoul, Korea

*JOHN MACHARIA, Nairobi, Kenya

ANITA WATTS, Decatur, GA, "The Marriage Metaphor in Second Isaiah: An Analysis of Isaiah 54:1-10"

JOHN WHITE, Cayce, SC, "Martin Chemnitz: Context and Christology"

*BARTA ZSOLT, Budapest, Hongary

Research option rather than thesis

Events Calendar

For further information or to register for courses, call 404-378-8821, or email: ConEd@CTSnet.edu, LayInstitute@CTSnet.edu, or sptyprog@CTSnet.edu.

Tuesdays January 6-March 9 BEGINNING GREEK FOR LAY PEOPLE Leader: Susan Hylen, doctoral candidate at Emory University. Time and cost TBA.

First Tuesday of each month THEOLOGY & LITERATURE Discussions of contemporary novels from a theological perspective. Leader: Rick Dietrich. 7:30-9:00 p.m. For each month's book, call 404-687-4577, or e-mail LayInstitute@CTSnet.edu. Free.

Third Tuesday of each month FAITH & FILM Discussions of contemporary films from a theological perspective. Leader: Fritz Bogar. 7:30 p.m For each month's movie, call 404-687-4577, or e-mail LayInstitute@CTSnet.edu. Free.

October 16, 23, 30, November 6 FALL MORNING LAY SCHOOL: "Anointings in the Gospel of John" Leader: Linda Morningstar. 10:00-noon. Cost $50.

October 30-November 2 FAITH & FILM: "Seeking Light While Sitting in the Dark" View films as a medium connecting great themes of the Bible and theology to stories on screen. Montreat Conference Center. Leader: Ed McNulty. Cost: $225.

October 20, 27, November 3, 10 FALL EVENING LAY SCHOOL: SESSION TWO Courses in Bible, theology, and Christian spirituality. Leaders: Charlie Raynal, Liz Forney, Beth Johnson, Kathleen O'Connor, Christine Yoder, and Rick Dietrich. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Cost $50.

November 4-6 ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT, AND MINISTRY Practical skills in pastoral leadership. Leaders: Dent Davis, Cam Murchison, Paul Copley, and faculty from the University of Georgia Terry School of Management. Cost: $220.

November 6-9 SPIRITUALITY IMMERSION WEEKEND Santa Barbara, California. Leader: Julie Johnson. Cost $300.

November 10-14 PRAYER IN MANY FORMS An experimental approach to various forms of prayer. Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia. Leader: Greta Reed. Cost: $300.

November 10-14 GUTHRIE SCHOLARS Cost: transportation.

November 11-12 OLDER ADULT MINISTRY A look at ways older adults can be involved in ministry, health concerns, educational opportunities, and much more. Leader: Miriam Dunson. Cost: $145.

January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9 NEW TESTAMENT GREEK FOR THE LAY PERSON Leader: Susan Hylen. Cost: $90.

January 5-16 BRIDGING THE GOSPEL AND CULTURE D.Min. course exploring the bridges between gospel and culture. Open to non-specialization students with permission of professor. Course leader: Stan Wood. Cost: $930.

January 25-30 LISTENING FOR THE GOD WHO SPEAKS Daytona Beach, Florida. Leader: Ben Johnson. Cost: $300.

January 26-29 JANUARY SEMINARS: NURTURING FAITH AT THE EDGE: "Preaching, Teaching, and Communicating in a Changing Culture" Leaders: Tom Long, Anna Carter Florence, Barbara Brown Taylor, John Westerhoff, and Dent Davis. Cost: $240.

February 2-4 VOICES: BIBLICAL FAITH IN CHANGING CULTURES Collaboration between Columbia and Eckerd College. Leaders: Walter Brueggemann and Carl Halladay. Cost: $250 plus room and board due Dec 15; late registration: $275.

February 2, 9, 16, 23 WINTER EVENING LAY SCHOOL Leaders: Stan Saunders, Bill Harkens, Haruko Ward. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Cost $50.

March 2-3 USING TECHNOLOGY: PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR MINISTRY A seminar focusing on worship, teaching, and administration. PowerPoint, handheld PDAs, the Web, and more. Leader: John Jewell. Cost: $150.

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 20 WHAT HAPPENS TO US WHEN WE DIE Hosted by All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta. Leaders: Mark Douglas, Brian Wren, Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, Susan Hylen, and Dan Mathewson. 6:00-7:30 p.m. Cost: $45 in advance; $50 at the door; $40 for members of All Saints Episcopal Church.

March 15-19 BODYBUILDING FOR MINISTRY A new support event for Columbia graduates in their first calls. '02 graduate applications accepted in writing or by email until available enrollment spaces are filled. Cost: transportation.

March 7-12 LITERATURE AND PRACTICE OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION An advanced course in the art of consultation with Christians on the journey. Leader: John Kloepfer. Cost: $300.

These pastors are among 40 who convened at Columbia in August for the inaugural S³ workshop, funded by the Lilly Endowment.

S³ program is SSSomething new in continuing education

FORTY-NINE PASTORS FROM 10 states and seven denominations formed the eight groups selected for the inaugural S³ Orientation Workshop held at Columbia Seminary August 11-14. Funded by the Lilly Foundation, the S³ Project, whose name points toward its focus on aspects of Sabbath, study, and service of church pastors, involves self-directed peer learning groups in two-year intentional learning projects.

Project proposals for 2003 included Celtic spirituality; technology in ministry; post-modern/post-Christendom ministry; and what it means to be Protestant in a non-Protestant context. Applications will be received in the spring for participation in the 2004 cohort. To apply, contact the Office of Continuing Education at 404-687-4562, or email ConEd@CTSnet.edu. □

Lifelong Learning programs invite your participation

BEYOND COLUMBIA SEMINARY'S degree programs are abundant opportunities for lifelong learning. Through Continuing Education, for example, 50 pastors are embarking on a new venture called the S³ Project, where they'll work together in small, self-directed peer learning groups.

Through the Lay Institute, anyone can learn from the likes of Shirley Guthrie, Kathleen O'Connor, Michael Morgan, and Beth Johnson—or look together at books and movies through a theological lens.

A success of New Church Development is the recent graduation of Portuguese-speaking commissioned lay pastors. Two graduates are already pastors in new congregations.

The Spirituality Program offers trips to its participants—to Rome and Geneva, for example—to learn about Christianity's spiritual heritage right at the source.

In addition to this issue of *Vantage*, look for more Lifelong Learning programs on Columbia's web site at www.CTSnet.edu. □

Holmes presents Smyth lectures

BARBARA HOLMES, ASSOCIATE professor of ethics and African-American religious studies at Memphis Theological Seminary, presented the 2003 Smyth Lectures at Columbia Theological Seminary in mid-October. The topic of her lecture series was "Cosmology and Culture."

An ordained Pentecostal minister in the United Church of Christ, Holmes practiced law for eight years before receiving the M.Div. from Columbia Seminary in 1995 and the Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in 1998. Her interests include ethics, African-American religious studies, science and religion, and social theory. Holmes's latest book, *Race and the Cosmos: An Invitation to View the World Differently*, is a metaphysical study of cosmology, race, and what it means to awaken to full liberation. □

Spirituality program explores Europe

"THERE IS AN extraordinary quality about studying a person, not only in his or her historical context, but also in geographical context," says Julie Johnson (D.Min. '98), director of the Spirituality Program at Columbia Seminary. Since 2000, Johnson has been taking students in the Certificate in Spiritual Formation program right to the source to study important people and places in the history of Christian spirituality.

Last year students traveled to Spain to study the writing of St. Teresa of Avila. While in Avila, they read Teresa's *The Interior Castle*. According to Johnson, students were able to walk through the city with a transformed awareness of Teresa's work.

This year participants studied the life, ministry, and spiritual practices of John Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Tom Schwanda, director of the Reformed Spirituality Network, led the trip October 14-21, 2004. Lodging was at the Senecal retreat house in the center of Geneva.

Participants also studied at the World Council of Churches headquarters in Geneva. Dr. Odair Pedroso Meteus, secretary of the World Association of Reformed Churches, lectured on the Council's renewed emphasis on spiritual formation. □

Juliette "Jet" Harper

Nurturing Faith at the Edge January 26-29 Seminars

"NURTRING FAITH AT the Edge: Preaching, Teaching and Communicating in a Changing Culture" is the theme of the 2004 January Seminars, January 26-29.

In a world where religious identity matters more than anyone predicted a decade ago, many are heading to the center of their faith traditions to shore up the foundations. Meanwhile, others are leaving the fold to explore faith beyond their own conventions. Ministry is increasingly "edgy," carried out in the shifting borders between the church and the world.

Tom Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology at Emory University, John Westerhoff, theologian in residence at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, and seminary faculty members Anna Carter Florence, Barbara Brown Taylor, and Dent Davis will lead daily worship and seminars. Topics include lectionary preaching (Lent to Pentecost), ministry on the border between the church and the world, and prayer as appreciative inquiry.

Make plans now to attend. Cost is $240. Because of the nature of this event, single-day registration is not possible. For more information, call 404 687-4562, email ConEd@CTSnet.edu, or visit www.CTSnet.edu. □

Jet Harper retires from Columbia

AT THE END of September, the Columbia Seminary family gathered at a farewell reception to honor our friend and colleague, Juliette "Jet" Harper, who retired as director of publications and publicity, a post she had held since 1985.

For those of you off campus—Columbia's alumni/ae and friends around the world—it is Jet who has worked with such dedication for so long to make sure that you are connected to life on campus and the news of Columbia. You know her work if you read *Vantage*, if you've paged through any Columbia Seminary brochure, pored through the annual report or academic catalogue, visited the Web site, noticed a Columbia advertisement in a magazine, or read about the seminary in a newspaper.

Here on campus, we will miss Jet's peerless professionalism and dedication to quality—she has a gift for clean copy, clean design, and crisp, clear thinking. We will miss the way she "decorated" her office, which almost required the clean-up crew from the Exxon Valdez oil spill. We will miss Jet's musings about her hometown of Oak Hill, Alabama, and its leading industry, the U.S. Postal Service. We will miss her wry sense of humor and the nicknames she bestowed on so many of us.

Robert Greenleaf described the source of servant leadership as the "natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first," that is, to be motivated not by money or recognition but by a desire to work toward a higher purpose. No individual whose name adorns a building or portrait adorns a wall embodies that virtue more than Jet, who served for the most part without similar notice or commendation. She has been a consummate servant leader at Columbia. We thank God for her ministry among us. She will always be our friend. □

'Worship and the Contemporary Church' Colloquium: April 12-14

WORSHIP IS CHANGING in the twenty-first century. Pastors and churches are struggling to develop new forms of worship and adapt traditional practices to meet the needs of changing congregations. Colloquium 2004 will be held April 12-14, and will explore traditional, contemporary, and blended understandings and practices of congregational worship. Participants will have an opportunity to experience diverse forms of worship, learn how they have been used in a variety of church situations, and explore questions related to music, media, preaching, and liturgy.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Timothy L. Carson. Carson is pastor of Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in St. Louis, Missouri. A nationally known resource person in contemporary worship, Carson is author of *So You're Thinking About Contemporary Worship* (Chalice Press, 1997) and *Liminal Reality and Transformational Power* (University Press, 1997). An accomplished musician, he also has produced two music CDs, *Wind of the Spirit* (1997) and *Wind of the Spirit 2* (2001).

Alumni/ae and friends are encouraged to mark these dates on their calendars. More information will be available in the winter *Vantage*, or call 404 687-4566, email ConEd@CTSnet.edu, or visit www.CTSnet.edu. □

Rev. Jose Carlos Pezini, Mentor Emilio Talamonte, Dr. Stanley Wood, and Dr. Frank Arnold present certificates to Portuguese students who completed lay leader training through Columbia's New Church Development program.

For the Record

If you have recent news to contribute to this section, please mail it to the editor, or you may e-mail it to poeb@ctsnet.edu.

1950s
Dick Dodds '54 is interim pastor of First church, Peachtree City, GA..... **Roland Perdue '59** is interim pastor of the Westfield, NJ, church.

1960s
Wayne Hoffman '62 is national chaplain for the Military Officers Association of America, director of development for the Presbyterian Council for Military Chaplains, and parish associate at Graham Memorial church, Coronado, CA.....**Robert Wallace '68** (DMin '81) is the pastor of Cocoa, FL, church.....**Morris Taylor '63** (DMin '86) is retired from First church, Canton, MS, and was named pastor emeritus.

1970s
John Carothers '75 is pastor of Webster Groves church, St. Louis, MO .....**Warner Durnell '78** is executive presbyter for North Alabama..... **Willard Hurlburt '75** has retired from the Lynnville, TN, church.....**Stewart Wilson '78** is interim of First church, Guntersville, AL.....**Sally-Lodge Henderson Teel '78** is stated supply of Ruth Memorial church, Poplarville, MS.

1980s
Maynard Pittendreigh (DMin '86) wrote *The Presbyterian Church Welcomes You*, an introduction to the Presbyterian Church (USA), published by 1st Books Library..... **Russell Morgan '86** is parish associate of the Crocker, MO, church.....**Olin McBride '87** is pastor First church, Starkville, MS.

1990s
Lucy Youngblood '91 is pastor of Oak Grove church, Hillsboro, WV. .....**James Calhoun** (DMin '92) is minister of First United Methodist church, Winfield, AL.....**Bobby Fisher '94** is chaplain and religion teacher at Pomfret School, Pomfret, CT.....**John Ragsdale '94** received a D.Min. degree from McCormick Seminary and was awarded the Hunt Prize for outstanding thesis and overall academic record.....**Kathy Carpenter '93** and Jim Klagge were married in June at the Rustburg, VA, church, where she is pastor.....**Chris Michael** (ThM '98) is pastor of the Cherry Log, GA, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).....**Hyung (Howard Kim) '98** is associate pastor of Bethany Korean church, Marietta, GA.....**Rebecca Burton '97** (DMin '05) is pastor of Calvary church, Marietta, GA.....**Mike Capron '98** is interim pastor of the Chili, NY, church.....**Robin Walker Palmer '96** is interim pastor of Grace church, Madison, AL.....**Laurie Valentine '96** married Scott North in September in Greensboro, NC. ....**David Murad '96** is interim director of Elam Davies Social Service Center, a mission of Fourth church, Chicago, IL.

2000s
David Taylor '02 received a Th.M. degree from Princeton Seminary. ....**Paul Nazarian** (DMin '01) is pastor of Northwoods church, Houston, TX. ....**Eunice Yang '00** is pastor of Adelphi, MD, church.....**Christine Tiller '00** is pastor of Calvary church, Ann Arbor, MI.....**Sung Lee '01** is associate pastor of the Geneva church, Jacksonville, FL.....**Peggy McClure '02** is executive director of the Community Grief Support Service, Birmingham, AL. ....**Carrie Rhoads '02** and **Chris Tuttle '03** were married in May in Atlanta.....**Michael Johnson** (DMin '00) is pastor of John Hus Moravian Church, Brooklyn, NY.....**Bettina Kilburn '01** was ordained at the Roswell, GA, church by Greater Atlanta Presbytery to a ministry in medical ethics.

Faculty and Staff

Biblical area
Christine Yoder, assistant professor of Old Testament, led Bible study at the annual meeting of the Institute of Theology at Princeton Seminary and published an article on Proverbs in *Journal of Biblical Literature*.....**Kathleen O'Connor**, professor of Old Testament, preached the Pentecost sermon in the Anderson Auditorium in Montreat, taught a course on the spirituality of laments for Spring Hill College, and presented a paper to the annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association.

Directors and Staff
Sarah Erickson '03, associate director of continuing education, was ordained at the Spanish Fort, AL, church. She served on the writing team for the adult *We Believe* curriculum for the PC(USA); preached and taught church school at the North Decatur, GA, church; and preached at a meeting of the South Alabama Presbytery.....**John Knapp** (MATS '95), president of the Southern Institute for Business and Ethics, conducted programs on ethics for Atlanta Business Chronicle, Coca-Cola Enterprises, Midtown Rotary Club, Leadership DeKalb, and Georgia-Pacific Corporation.....**Ann Clay Adams**, director of admissions, presented a workshop at the Fund for Theological Education's annual conference and completed her term as advisor to the Presbyterian Student Strategy Team.....**Rick Dietrich**, director of the Lay Institute of Faith and Life, taught church school at the Decatur, GA, church; he preached for the Protestant Hour/Day 1 radio and television program.....**Stan Wood**, director of the Center for New Church Development (NCD), led a spirituality retreat for Snowmass Chapel, CO; lectured and presented keynote addresses at the National NCD Conference sponsored by the Evangelism and Church Development office of the General Assembly, Portland, OR; and lectured on evangelism at the Lay Leadership Training Program for Hispanic Evangelism and Church Development graduation in Santa Barbara. He taught an NCD course for the steering committee meeting of the Lay Leadership Training Program for Hispanic Evangelism and Church Development in Los Angeles and taught an NCD seminar for Tropical Florida Presbytery.

Historical Doctrinal area
Carlos Cardoz-Orlandi, associate professor of world Christianity, was Christian mission and unity professor at the Hispanic Summer Program held at Mundelein Seminary and provided leadership for the faculty retreat of Asbury Seminary in Orlando.....**Margit Ernst**, instructor of theology, and spouse, **Ibrahim Habib**, announced the birth of their daughter, Leila Marie, on July 19.

Practical Theology area
Laura Mendenhall, president, preached at the Montreat Youth Conference; First church, Greenwood, SC; Westminster church, Charleston, SC; and Briarwood church, Jackson, MS. ....**Michael Morgan**, seminary musician, presented a seminar on metrical psalmody at the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Worship and Music Conference in Albuquerque..... **Chuck Campbell**, associate professor of homiletics, taught church school classes at Central church, Atlanta. He preached and presented at the fortieth anniversary celebration at Westminster church, Durham, NC.....**Brian Wren**, professor of worship, taught a D.Min. course on "Music in Worship" at Seabury-Western Seminary.....**Anna Carter Florence**, assistant professor of preaching and worship, preached at the baccalaureate service for Presbyterian College; the Presbyterian Youth Conference in Louisville; and the ordination of **MaryAnn McKibben Dana '03**. She taught and preached at Kirkridge Conference Center, Bangor, PA and participated in the Wabash Center Consultation on Teaching Homiletics, Crawfordsville, IN. She also published a sermon in *Get Up Off Your Knees*, published by Cowley Publications.....**Bill Harkins**, assistant professor of pastoral theology and care, is priest assistant at Holy Family Episcopal Church, Jasper, GA. He conducted a conflict management workshop for the Mid-South Regional Conference of the Administrative Personnel Association.....**Sharon Mook**, assistant professor of pastoral theology and care, taught church school at the North Decatur, GA, church.....**Rodger Nishioka**, associate professor of Christian education, preached at the International Christian Youth Event for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Atlanta; University church, Chapel Hill, NC; Presbyterian Youth Connection Assembly, Louisville, KY; and First church, Lincolnton, NC. He presented at the Christian Education conference in Montreat and led the synod of the Rocky Mountains Youth Leader Event, Denver, CO. Nishioka was the keynote speaker for the Leadership Day event for the presbyteries of Greater Atlanta, Cherokee, and Northeast Georgia and was the keynote speaker and a workshop leader for the Grace presbytery ACT event.

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BIRTHS

To Barbara Benton Flynt (MAYM '89) and Brad, a son, Benton Bradley, Aug. 21, 2003.
To Tom '94 and Julie Watkins, a daughter, Mary Thomas, Sept. 18, 2003.
To James (MATS '95) and Darcy Dungan-Seaver, a son, Leo George, July 9, 2003.
To Cassandra Bear '98 and Jeffrey Graham, a son, Benjamin, July 6, 2003.
To John '99 and Susannah Hager Cook '99, a son, John Hager, Jan. 24, 2003.
To David '99 and Emily Lindsay, twins, a son, Henry Boyd, and a daughter, Elizabeth Hope, May 25, 2003.
To David '01 and Edye Bender, twins, a son, James Williamson, and a daughter, Jessica Caroline, July 10, 2003.
To Christopher '01 and Alice Crotwell, a daughter, Miriam Steele, April 7, 2003.
To Ken '03 and Erin Sikes, a daughter, Jane Elizabeth, June 17, 2003.
To Scott '03 and Miriam White, a son, Anthony James, June 21, 2003.

DEATHS

R. McNair Smith '35, July 22, 2003.
William M. Frampton '36, July 18, 2003.
John E. Watts '44, Dec. 18, 2002.
John L. Edwards '45, Dec. 19, 2002.
Frank Havlicek '51, May 2, 2003.
Floyd L. Berrier (DMin '90), Oct. 22, 2002.
Clarence Boone, former Board member, June 13, 2003.

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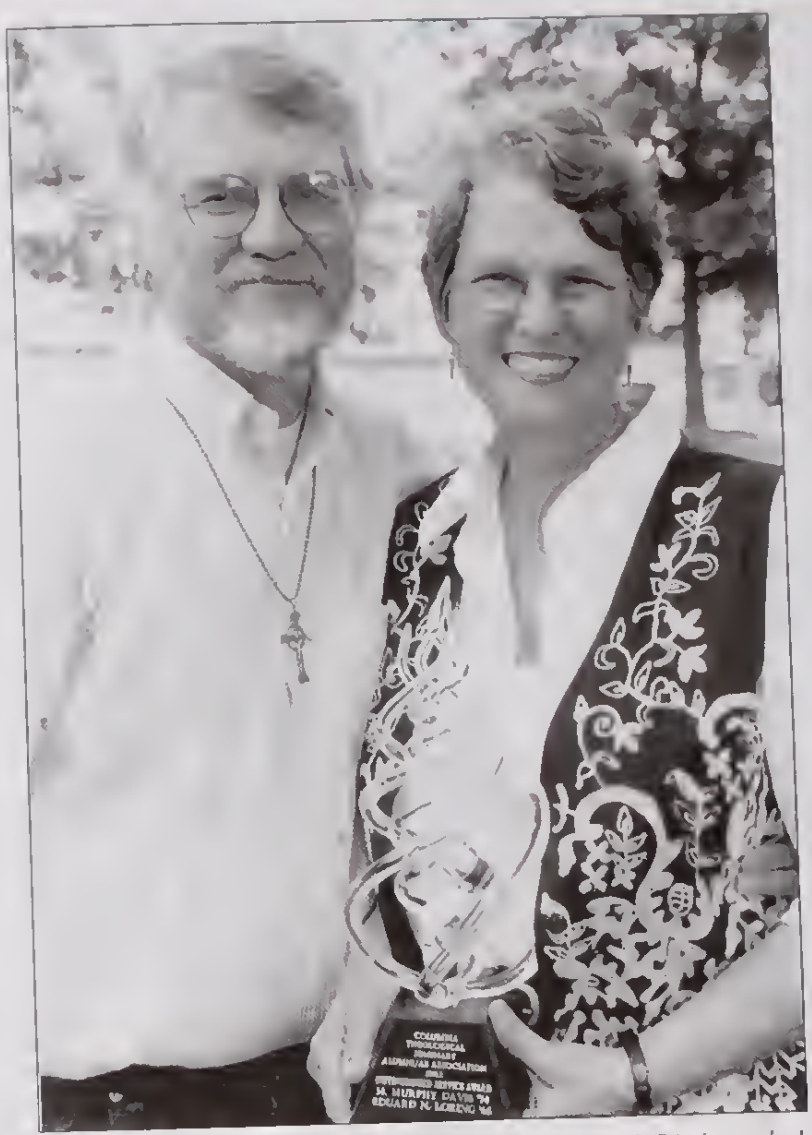

Ed Loring '66 and Murphy Davis '74 received the 2003 Distinguished Award in September. Loring and Davis founded Atlanta's Open Door Community, a ministry for the poor, imprisoned, and homeless of Atlanta. Charles Moffatt '51 also received the award in April of this year.

O'Connor recipient of book award

KATHLEEN M. O'CONNOR, PROFESSOR of Old Testament, has received the Catholic Press Association's top award in the category of scripture for her *Lamentations and the Tears of the World*. In reviewing the book, the Catholic Press Association notes O'Connor's ability to blend "scholarship, practical insight, and deep spirituality—a rare combination—to bring to life an often forgotten and misunderstood biblical book."

In *Lamentations and the Tears of the World*, O'Connor writes for the academic community but also for pastors and educated laypersons. She believes that the poems of Lamentations provide an important connection between worship and the expression of pain and suffering, both personal and societal. "Lamentations" she says, "invites people to break the culture of denial, to honor our own pain, however small or great, and to be open to compassion for others' suffering. We are able to treat others with full dignity and reverence only when we can treat ourselves with the same Christian regard."

The book has two major sections, the first presenting a thorough exegetical analysis of Lamentations' five poems and the second offering her reflections on what she terms a "theology of witness." In this latter section O'Connor engages in an interpretation of Lamentations, which professor emeritus Walter Brueggemann describes as "a rich and shamelessly beautiful theological exposition." O'Connor finds in Lamentation's stark poetry an important theological resource for individuals and the worshiping community. One reviewer writes, "O'Connor speaks from a wounded heart that looks out on a wounded world—both still waiting, paradoxically, for the God who heals all wounds."

O'Connor's work, deeply informed by her own life, also draws on her experience teaching at Columbia and lecturing at churches and conferences throughout the country. "Discussions with the pastors in my Doctor of Ministry courses have been particularly important in shaping my understanding of how this text comes to be lived in worshiping communities and how it can be a theological resource for pastors," she says. "Lamentations invites us to bring into worship all that is wounded, both in ourselves and in our world. This worshipful expression of suffering transforms an otherwise bleak book into an important step on the road to healing."

In addition to its significance for worshiping communities and individual believers, the Catholic Press Association Award recognizes *Lamentations and the Tears of the World* for its scholarly excellence and fresh academic insight. As Walter Brueggemann says, "This award acknowledges the book's importance in the field and affirms O'Connor's contribution to new interpretive currents in Old Testament studies." The award commends O'Connor's work and also reflects the commitment to academic excellence relevant to the needs of the church that is characteristic of Columbia's faculty as a whole. □

Robert Williamson, Jr. '01

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Noble's book a story of justice

IN HIS NEW book, *Beyond the Burning Bus: The Civil Rights Revolution in a Southern Town, Anniston, Alabama, 1956-1965*, J. Phillips (Phil) Noble '45, recounts events of his time as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Anniston. As chair of the first biracial council on human relations in Alabama, and perhaps in the South, Noble worked with a small group of men, black and white, to guide Anniston through integration with relative harmony and dignity. The book recalls hard-fought victories and is a reminder of the work of racial reconciliation that yet remains.

Noble accepted a call to pastor the Anniston church in 1956, having already served churches in Georgia and South Carolina. As the Civil Rights movement began, Anniston experienced racial discord, like much of the South. It is perhaps most widely remembered for the 1961 mob attack on the Freedom Riders that occurred there, during which the Riders were beaten and one of their buses set on fire.

Following that incident, a group of ministers, including Noble, formed a biracial alliance to work for the peaceful integration of the city. By 1963, the efforts of this group led to the formation of the Human Relations Council, which Noble chaired, and which President Kennedy commended as a great step forward in race relations. Hundreds of communities across the South contacted Noble and the council for advice on peaceful integration.

After leaving Anniston in 1971, Noble continued in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as both pastor and administrator until his retirement in 1989. He served two terms as a trustee of Columbia Seminary and chaired Columbia's board from 1978-1983. In 1991, Columbia presented Noble with the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his special contribution to Christ's call for justice in the world and love for all humankind.

Beyond the Burning Bus was released in September to coincide with a symposium in Anniston commemorating the 40th anniversary of a mob attack on two black ministers at the Anniston public library. All proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to defray the cost of the symposium. Any residual funds will be designated for a biracial scholarship fund for young people in Calhoun County, Alabama. □

Robert Williamson, Jr. '01

Harrington Prize winner preaches at Columbia

YoHan Kim, pastor of SAVE Ministries, the English-speaking congregation at Korean Community Presbyterian Church in Duluth, Georgia, preached at Columbia Seminary on October 16.

Kim is the recipient of the Harrington Prize. The award is a collaborative effort of Presbyterian College, Columbia Seminary, and Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, and recognizes individuals in the early stages of their careers in Christian ministry who have demonstrated exemplary preaching, evangelism, community service, and the promise for future contributions to Christian ministry. In addition to serving as a distinguished visitor and lecturer at the three institutions, Kim will receive a $25,000 cash stipend.

A native of Seoul, South Korea, Kim says he "fought tooth and nail" any thoughts of entering the ministry, planning instead to teach theology. However, with his wife pregnant and no job prospects, he accepted a position in 1995 as college pastor at Torrance, California's First Presbyterian Church, a Korean-speaking ministry located in the Los Angeles suburbs. He says, "I fell in love with ministry through those kids."

Five years later, Kim moved to the Korean Community Presbyterian Church of Atlanta's campus in Tucker. The congregation now has a new 12-acre site in Duluth, the largest Korean-American church in the southeastern United States. "I've lost track of the number of people in our English-speaking congregation," Kim says, noting that it is now a multicultural congregation.

The Harrington Prize honors the life and ministry of the late W. Frank Harrington, former senior minister at Peachtree Presbyterian Church. Harrington held degrees from Presbyterian College and Columbia Seminary. He also served on the seminary's Board of Trustees. □

Campbell named adjunct professor

Columbia has named William (Bill) Campbell adjunct professor of New Testament for the 2003-04 academic year. Campbell holds the Ph.D. in New Testament from Princeton Theological Seminary and the M.A. in theology and scripture from St. Michael's College. Most recently, he taught at Boston College as adjunct assistant professor of New Testament.

Among Campbell's academic interests are the Acts of the Apostles, the Synoptic Gospels (especially the Gospel of Mark), and the letters of Paul. At Columbia, he will teach exegesis and survey courses in New Testament as well as classes on Timothy, Titus, and Acts.

A member of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), Campbell received the SBL Mid-Atlantic Region's Howard Clark Kee Award in 1998 for "Mark 15:21-41: The Death Scene in Mark's 'Screenplay.'" His current book project is titled *Who Are We in Acts? Reimagining First-Person Narratives in the Acts of the Apostles.* □

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Faculty Emeriti
Shirley Guthrie taught and preached at First church in Oklahoma City; taught at the Christian Educators conference in Montreat; and lectured at a presbytery leadership event for Charlotte Presbytery and at Southwestern Christian University.....
Walter Brueggemann is on a post-retirement sabbatical in Cambridge, UK, until January. □

Kevin Day '05 cheers on two relay racers at the seminary's community picnic.

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